

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

--figure 6 shows a fifth embodiment according to the invention; and --

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

--figures 7a and 7b show a sixth embodiment according to the invention;  
invention; and --

**Please add the following new paragraph on page 5, between lines 8 and 9:**

--figure 8 shows a front view of a push belt having mutually abutting push links. --

**Please add the following new paragraph on page 10, after line 23:**

--As illustrated in Figure 8, the push belt 9 may be comprised of mutually abutting push links 14. --